

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
LAFAYETTE DIVISION**

**STATE OF ARIZONA ET AL**

**CASE NO. 6:22-CV-01130**

**VERSUS**

**JUDGE DAVID C. JOSEPH**

**MERRICK GARLAND ET AL**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE CAROL B.  
WHITEHURST**

**MINUTES OF COURT:  
Motion Hearing/Status Conference**

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Date:	November 6, 2023	Presiding: Judge David C. Joseph
Court Opened:	10:00 am	Courtroom Deputy: Chrissy Craig-Fontenot
Court Adjourned:	10:30 am	Court Reporter: Cathleen Marquardt
Statistical Time:	:30	Courtroom: CR1

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**APPEARANCES**

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Joseph Scott St John	For	The Plaintiffs
Erin Ryan	For	U S Dept of Justice, Defendant

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**PROCEEDINGS**

Case called for hearing regarding [186] Defendants' Motion for an Extension of Time to Complete Discovery with opposition by Plaintiff, State of Louisiana [191].

After reviewing briefing, the Joint Discovery Filing [Doc. 193] and hearing argument from counsel regarding the status of discovery, the Motion for an Extension of Time to Complete Discovery [186] is GRANTED as follows:

- (i) All expert witness depositions and the Rule 30(b)(6) deposition of Plaintiff State of Louisiana will take place before the end of November;
- (ii) The parties are directed to comply in good faith with Rule 30(b)(6) and “confer in good faith about the matters for examination”; and
- (iii) The Defendants’ deadline to file a Rule 12 Motion or answer the Complaint is **extended to December 15, 2023**. Failure of the Defendants to file a Rule 12 motion challenging the Article III standing of Plaintiff states will constitute waiver of Defendants’ right to later raise that issue.

After discussion, the Court ruled that [168] Second Motion to Compel by Plaintiff States is HEREBY STRICKEN from the record and the Plaintiffs may re-file a motion to compel if any document discovery issues remain. Refer to transcript for complete record of proceedings.